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National Calamity

President Lincoln Assassinated

HIS DEATH

Assassination of Sec'y Seward.

DEATH OF SEC'Y SEWARD.

His Son, Major Seward, Stabbed

His Attendant Mortally Wounded.

Arrest of Booth, the Assassin.

Public Meeting at the Court House at One o'clock to-day.

Assassination of President Lincoln and Secretary Seward.

WASHINGTON, April 15, 2:30 A. M.
I have just returned from the House where the President is lying under an armed escort. Surgeon General Burns says the President cannot live till daylight. Miss Laura Keen testifies that Wilkes Booth, (an actor), was the assassin. The President was shot at the Theatre. Secretary Seward was also assassinated.

President Lincoln and wife, with other friends, last evening, visited Ford's Theatre, for the purpose of witnessing the performance of "The American Cousin." The Theatre was densely crowded and everybody seemed delighted with the scene before them. During the Third Act, and while there was a temporary pause for one of the actors to enter, a sharp report of a pistol was heard, which merely attracted attention, but suggested nothing serious until a man rushed to the front of the President's box, waving a long dagger in his right hand, and exclaiming "I am avenged," immediately escaped from the box.

Secretary Seward's throat has been cut by another assassin, who entered his house, passed up to his bedroom, and committed the terrible deed. Major Seward met the assassin when coming down stairs, and was stabbed in the face.

LATER.

4:00 A. M.—The President is still alive at this hour, but entirely unconscious. No hope seems to be felt of his recovery.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.—NO. 1.

WAR DEPARTMENT, 4:10, A. M.

To Major General Dix:

The President continues insensible, and is sinking. Secretary Seward remains without change. Frederick Seward's skull is fractured in two places, besides a severe cut on the head.

The attendant is still alive, but hopeless. Major Seward's wounds are not dangerous. It is known with reasonable certainty, that two assassins were engaged in the horrible crime. Wilkes Booth being the one that shot the President and the other a companion of his, whose name is not known, but whose description is so

clear that he can hardly escape. It appears from a letter found in Booth's trunk that the murder was planned before the 4th of March, but fell through then, because the accomplice backed out until Richmond could be heard from.

Booth and his accomplice were at the livery stable at six o'clock last evening, and left there with their horses about ten o'clock, or shortly before that hour.

It would seem that they had, for several days, been seeking their chance, but for some unknown reasons it was not carried into effect until last night.

One of them has evidently made his way to Baltimore. The other has not yet been traced.

EDWIN M. STANTON,

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WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, April 15.

Major Gen. Dix:

Abraham Lincoln died this morning at twenty-two minutes past seven o'clock.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

The Assassin.

J. Wilkes Booth, the Assassin of the President, was for some years a stock actor; afterwards Manager of a Richmond Theater. Some time ago he was confined at Fort Lafayette because he was considered a dangerous enemy to the Government, plotting with the rebels against it.

He is a distant relative to the celebrated tragedian Junius Brutus Booth.

THE ASSASSIN ARRESTED.

Booth is in custody. The other assassin not yet arrested. The detectives are on his track.

DEATH OF SECRETARY SEWARD.
WASHINGTON, April 15.—Secretary Seward died at 3:45 o'clock, this (Saturday) morning.

The Terrible Tidings in New York.

NEW YORK, April 15, 9 A. M.—Intense sorrow is depicted on all countenances at the horrible event that occurred in Washington last night, and the grief of all good men is apparent everywhere, at the demise of the President. No flags were hoisted in this city this morning, until the state of the President was known, when they were all placed at half mast.

People appear perfectly terrified, and the utmost rage is undoubtedly felt towards all known secessionists and rebel sympathizers.

The President Revokes Permits to Lending Traitors to visit Richmond.

The Herald's Washington Special says President Lincoln, yesterday, revoked the passes to Hunter, Letcher and other leading Rebels, to visit Richmond. The President was willing to have a Convention held, but did not want it controlled by these men.

THE NATIONAL CALAMITY.

We issue, at the earliest practicable moment, all the particulars we have received of the awful calamity which has overtaken the American people.

President Lincoln was assassinated last night (Friday), and died at 7:22 o'clock this morning.

Another assassin cut the throat of Secretary Seward, in his bed, and the Secretary died at 9:45 this morning. His attendant was mortally wounded, and his son, Major Seward, was stabbed in the face by the escaping assassin.

We will issue extras giving details of the terrible news, as fast as telegrams are received.

Official Announcement of the Assassination.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, April 15, 1:30 A. M.

To Major General Dix:

This evening at about 9:30 P. M., at Ford's Theatre, the President while sitting in his private box, with Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Harris and Major Rathbun, was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box and approached behind the President. The assassin then leaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife, and made his escape in the rear of the theater.

The pistol ball entered the back of the President's head, and penetrated nearly through the head. The wound is mortal. The President has been insensible ever since it was inflicted. About the same hour, an assassin, whether the same or not is unknown, entered Mr. Seward's apartments, and, under pretense of having a prescription, was shown to the Secretary's sick chamber.

The assassin immediately rushed to the bed and inflicted two or three stabs on the throat and two on the face. It is hoped the wounds may not be mortal. My apprehension is that they will prove fatal. The nurse alarmed Mr. Fred. Seward, who was in an adjoining room, and hastened to the door of his father's room, when he met the assassin, who inflicted on him one or more dangerous wounds. The recovery of Fred Seward is doubtful. It is not probable the President will live through the night. Gen. Grant and wife were advertised to be at the Theatre this evening, but he started to Burlington at 6 this evening.

At a Cabinet meeting, at which General Grant was present, the subject of the state of the country, or the prospect of a speedy peace, was discussed. The President, who was very much disappointed, and spoke very kindly of Gen. Lee and others of the Confederacy, and of the establishment of the Government in Virginia. All the members of the Cabinet, except Mr. Seward, are now in attendance upon the President. I have seen Mr. Seward, but he and Frederick were both unconscious.

E. M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

Assassination of the President.

Special Dispatch to the Cincinnati Gazette.

WASHINGTON, April 14.

The President, Secretary Seward and Major Seward have been assailed by some desperadoes to-night, evidently under preconcerted arrangement.

About half past ten this evening a well-dressed person appeared at the house of Secretary Seward, and asked to see him. He was informed that he could not, upon which he said that he had a prescription from Surgeon-General Barnes, which he was ordered to deliver in person. The servant referred him to Fred. Seward. The latter told the stranger that he was master of the house, and would take charge of the medicine, but the desperado refused to deliver it, and immediately rushed past Fred. Seward, and struck Seward with a dagger in the throat and breast, but, upon examination by the Surgeon General, he is pronounced safe, not having cut the jugular vein or penetrated the breast deep enough to prove fatal. He is now pronounced safe. Major Seward, son of the Secretary, and Paymaster in the army, was also badly cut in his efforts to defend his father. The assassin had a horse at the door, and as he was mounting, he pronounced the motto of the State of Virginia, *Sic Temper Tyrannis*, (perish all tyrants.) Simultaneously with this, another desperado appeared at Ford's Theatre, and obtained admittance to the box occupied by Mr. Lincoln, and shot the President in the back of the head, then jumped from the box to the stage, and repeated the motto of Virginia: *Sic Temper Tyrannis*. In a moment more he disappeared.

12:30 A. M.—Secretaries Stanton, Welles, McCulloch, Dennison, Speed and Usher

have just arrived at the place where the President is lying. There is no hope of his recovery. The attending physician pronounces his case hopeless. His brains are oozing from his wound, and he is now rapidly sinking. His wife and family are at his bedside.

SECOND DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The President and Mrs. Lincoln were at Ford's Theatre, listening to the performance of "The American Cousin," occupying a box in the second tier. At the close of the third act, a person entered the box occupied by the President, and shot Mr. Lincoln in the head, the shot entering the back part of his head and coming out about above the temple. The assassin then jumped from the box upon the stage and ran across to the other side, exhibiting a dagger in his hand, flourishing it in a tragical manner, and shouting the same word repeated by the desperado at Mr. Seward's house, adding to it, "The South is avenged," and then escaped from the back entrance of the stage, but in his passing dropped his pistol and his hat. Mr. Lincoln fell forward in his seat, and Mrs. Lincoln fainted. The moment that the astonished audience could realize what had happened, the President was taken out and carried to Mrs. Peterson's house, in Tenth street, opposite to the Theatre. Medical aid was immediately sent for, and the wound was at first supposed to be fatal, and it was announced that he could not live; but at half past 12 he was still alive, though in a precarious condition.

As the assassin ran across the stage, Colonel J. B. Stewart, of this city, who was occupying one of the front seats in the orchestra, on the same side of the house as the one occupied by Mr. Lincoln, sprang to the stage, and followed him, but he was obstructed in his passage across the stage by the fright of the actors, and reached the back door about three seconds after the assassin had passed out. Colonel Stewart got into the street just in time to see him mount his horse and ride away. This operation shows that the whole thing was a preconcerted plan. The person who fired the pistol was a man about thirty years of age, five feet in height, dark complexion, with light and dark hair, and a large mustache. He was dressed in a dark suit, and a white shirt with a large bow tie. He was recognized by the orchestra as J. Wilkes Booth, the actor, and a rabid secessionist. Whoever he was, it is plainly evident that he thoroughly understood the theatre, and also the approaches and modes of escape to the stage. A person not familiar with the theatre, could not have possibly made his escape so well and quickly. The alarm was sounded in every quarter. Secretary Stanton was notified, and immediately left his house. All the other members of the Cabinet escaped attack. Cavalry men were sent out in all directions, and dispatches sent to all the fortifications. It is thought they will be captured.

1 o'clock A. M.—The President is perfectly senseless, and there is not the slightest hope of his recovery. The physicians believe that he will die before morning. All of his Cabinet except Secretary Seward are with him. Speaker Colfax, Senator Farwell, of Maine, and many other gentlemen are also at the house awaiting the termination.

THIRD DISPATCH.

1:15 A. M.—The President is slowly dying. The brain is oozing through the ball hole in his forehead. He is, of course, insensible. There is an occasional lifting of his hand, and heavy stertorous breathing, that's all. Mrs. Lincoln and her two sons are in a room of the house opposite to Ford's Theatre, where the President was taken, and adjoining that where he was lying. Mr. Sumner is seated at the head of the bed, Secretaries Stanton, Welles, Dennison, Usher, and McCulloch and Mr. Speed, are in the room. A large number of Secretaries, Generals, and personal friends of Mr. Lincoln fill the house. All are in tears. Andy Johnson is here. He was in bed when the assassination was committed, in his room at the Kirkwood. He was immediately apprised of the event, and got up. The precaution was taken to provide a guard of soldiers for him, and these were at the door before the news was well through the Avenue.

Captain Rathbone, of Albany, was in the box with the President. He was slightly wounded.

WASHINGTON, March 15.

When the fatal shot was fired, Mrs. Lincoln, who was alongside of her husband, exclaimed, "Oh why did not they shoot me! why didn't they shoot me!"

There is evidence that Secretary Stanton was also marked for assassination.

On receipt of the intelligence at the War Department, of the attack on the President, two employees of the Department were sent to summon the Secretary. Just as they approached his house, a man jumped out from behind a tree-box in front of the house, and ran away. It is well known to be the custom of the Secretary to go from the Department to his house, between nine and twelve o'clock, P. M., and usually unattended. It is supposed that the assassin intended to shoot him as he entered the house, but failed, from the fact that Mr. Stanton remained at home during the evening.

THE NEWS IN OTHER CITIES.

Dispatches from all Cities, with which we have communicated, represent the profound affliction of the people. Business is suspended, flags are at half-mast, and houses are being draped in mourning.

Extra this Afternoon.

We will issue another extra at 4 o'clock, with the afternoon report, and proceedings of the public meeting at the Court House.

Proclamation.

BY THE MAYOR.

Official information having been received of the assassination and death of President Lincoln and W. H. Seward, Secretary of State, in accordance with the proprieties of this most calamitous event and the request of citizens of Dayton, I do hereby request all the people to suspend business for the remainder of the day, and to give solemn observance to each religious exercises as may be determined upon at a meeting of the people, which will be held at the Court House at one o'clock P. M., this day.

E. C. ELLIS, Mayor.

DEATH OF PRES'T LINCOLN.

Public Meeting at the Court House at One o'clock.

A meeting of the people will be held at the COURT HOUSE at ONE o'clock this day (Saturday.)

At that hour it is suggested that all business be suspended.

Divine Service.—Rev. Dr. Sprecher will preach in the Lutheran Church, Main street, to-morrow.

JOURNAL JOB ROOMS.

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